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Assignee: Cardica, Inc.
Title: Method for Cutting Tissue
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Sir:

In compliance with the Applicant's duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the information listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d) and MPEP 609(I)(A)(2), copies of references listed on the form PTO-1449 and of explanations of relevance of non-English-language references that have been submitted in a parent application are not included herewith, because this application is a continuation under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/542,976.

This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), and thus no petition or fee is required.

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		3,774,615	11/27/1973	LIM, ET AL			
		4,118,806	10/10/1978	PORIER ET AL			
		4,214,587	7/29/1980	SAKURA, JR			
		4,217,664	8/19/1980	FASO			
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		4,534,761	8/13/1985	RAIBLE			
		4,553,542	11/19/1985	SCHENCK, ET AL			
		4,577,631	3/25/1986	KREAMER			
		4,589,416	5/20/1986	GREEN			
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		4,607,637	8/26/1986	BERGGREN, ET AL			
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		4,883,453	11/28/1989	BERRY, ET AL.				
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		4,907,591	3/13/1990	VASCONCELLOS, ET AL				
		4,917,087	4/17/1990	WALSH, ET AL				
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		4,930,674	6/5/1990	BARAK				
		5,005,749	4/9/1991	ARANYI				
		5,015,238	5/14/1991	SOLOMON ET AL				
		5,062,842	11/5/1991	TIFFANY				
		5,089,006	2/18/1992	STILES				
		5,100,423	3/1/1992	FEARNOT, NEAL E.				
		5,104,025	4/14/1992	MAIN, ET AL.				
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		5,156,613	10/20/1992	SAWYER				
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		5,171,262	12/15/1992	MACGREGOR				
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		5,464,449	11/7/1995	RYAN, ET AL			
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		5,478,354	12/26/1995	TOVEY			
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		5,603,721	2/1/1997	LAU ET AL			
		5,643,340	7/1/1997	NUNOKAWA			
		5,645,520	7/8/1997	NAKAMURA, ET AL.			
		5,657,429	8/12/1997	WANG, ET AL.			
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		5,707,362	1/13/1998	YOON			
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		5,709,335	1/20/1998	HECK			
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		5,732,872	3/31/1998	BOLDUC ET AL			
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		5,878,193	3/2/1999	WANG, ET AL.			
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		5,881,943	3/16/1999	HECK ET AL			
		5,893,369	4/1/1999	LEMOLE			
		5,904,697	5/18/1999	GIFFORD III, ET AL			
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		5,911,036	6/8/1999	WRIGHT, ET AL.			
		5,915,616	6/29/1999	VIOLA, ET AL.			
		5,921,995	7/13/1999	KLESHINSKI			
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		5,947,363	9/7/1999	BOLDUC ET AL			
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		6,171,321	1/9/2001	GIFFORD, III ET AL.			
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